

Higher Education Information Technology Committee
(HEITC)
Mission and Vision Strategic Plan
November 8, 2001

Mission: The mission of Higher Education Information Technology Committee (HEITC) is detailed in the Idaho Legislature Statute Code 33-4809. In short, our mission is to advise and support the Idaho Council for Technology in Learning (ICTL). We advise in these areas:

- Policies, Standards, and Procedures
- Learning Communities
- Infrastructure
- Planning and Assessment/Evaluation
- Communication
- Emerging issues

Vision: The State Board of Education (SBOE) envisions an accessible, seamless K-Life educational system. The work of the ICTL is a key component in achieving this. Our vision is to establish effective and widespread collaboration among institutions and agencies involved in this endeavor that will enhance access to quality educational opportunities and learning resources.

Goal 1: Expanded Access

To provide access to technology for improved teaching/learning and empowerment for a well-informed citizenry.

Objective:

Build a sustainable, high performance network infrastructure for universal connectivity.

Actions:

- Recommend and implement connectivity standards for network software/hardware.
- Connect institutions and agencies to the IdaNet backbone.
- Develop a longitudinal data collection strategy.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- Connectivity guidelines that incorporate IdaNet standards.
- Seven public institutions connected in accordance with the guidelines.
- A report based on the aggregated data of the public institutions and agencies.

Goal 2: Improved Teaching and Learning

To improve teaching and learning through the use of technology.

Objectives:

- Enhance learning performance through the use of technology.
- Promote the identification and development of content for delivery via distance and technology-enhanced learning.

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Actions:

- Support the continuation of State Board of Education Technology Incentive Grants.
- Encourage institutions and agencies to develop and/or acquire technology-based curricula and learning resources.
- Promote the Idaho Electronic Campus.
- Increase access for distance education for rural citizens.
- Develop a longitudinal data collection strategy.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- Number of distance education enrollments.
- Number of distance education enrollee completions.
- A report based on the aggregated data of the public institutions and agencies.

Goal 3: Expanded Information Services

To foster the creation, organization, and management of educational library/informational and cultural resources.

Objective:

Expand and manage content and access to multimedia resources.

Actions:

- Expand LiLI (Libraries Linking Idaho) services in support of curriculum, research, and independent learning.
- Identify digital asset management needs.
- Provide expanded electronic library and multimedia services.
- Increase access to digital television resources.
- Expand *Inside Idaho*/GIS (Geographical Information System) services for public use.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- Number of LiLI services, number of full-text views, number of interlibrary loans.
- Number of hours DTV (Digital TV) programs that are educational or civic resources.
- Number of electronic reserves for courses and programs.

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Goal 4: Emerging Opportunities

To take advantage of emerging opportunities.

Objective:

Encourage a climate that promotes creativity, innovation, and risk taking.

Actions:

- Expand partnerships and identify funding sources for innovative or collaborative technology based efforts.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and innovation.
- Foster collaboration among institutions and agencies for infrastructure development.
- Encourage interpersonal networking and sharing among institutions and agencies focused on IT issues.
- Expand Internet 2 use and applications to public schools and institutions of higher education.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- Number of HEITC statewide technology updates or professional development events.
- Number of new IT (Information Technology) based collaborations.
- Number of IT focused grant proposals.

Goal 5: Planning

To provide direction for those parts of post secondary education technology that can best be accomplished collaboratively.

Objective:

Provide the post secondary education portion of the K20 technology plan.

Actions:

- Develop a three-year strategic plan for post secondary education.
- Coordinate the post secondary education plan with the K12 plan.
- Fine-tune the post secondary education technology plan based on assessment.
- Identify expertise and resources given the assessment results.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- A 3-year strategic plan.
- An agreement with K12 subcommittee to complete a K-Life plan.
- A list of individuals or offices that can provide technical advice appears on the ICTL web site.

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Goal 6: Assessment and Evaluation

To assess the impact of the investment made by the legislature through the ICTL for technology in post secondary education.

Objective:

Provide an annual assessment to the State Board of Education on the impact of technology integration in post secondary education.

Actions:

- Develop statewide performance indicators for the seven ICTL-HEITC Goals.
- Conduct data analysis checking progress against performance indicators.
- Provide an assessment including system adjustment recommendations to higher-education institutions.

Performance Measure / Outcome for sfy2003:

- A report and recommendations to the ICTL.

Goal 7: Public Awareness:

To promote a free and timely exchange of information, and ideas.

Objective:

Provide stakeholders access to and a forum for the sharing of technology related information, issues, opportunities, and expertise aligned with the current activities of HEITC and ICTL.

Actions:

- Participate in and sponsor technology related events and forums.
- Identify audiences of interest. (Specific vendors, legislators, granting agencies, ISEC, ITRMC (Information Technology Resource Management Council), etc)
- Provide active introductions and updates to audiences of interest.
- Publish meeting minutes.
- Publish annual assessment of progress toward Strategic Planning Goals/Objectives.
- Sponsor SBOE Symposium for technology grant recipients.

Performance Measures / Outcomes for sfy2003:

- The number of participants at events and forums.
 - A progress report.
 - Published HEITC meeting minutes.
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